GARGOYLES

"LINES OF ALLEGIANCE: PART ONE FRIENDS and ENEMIES"

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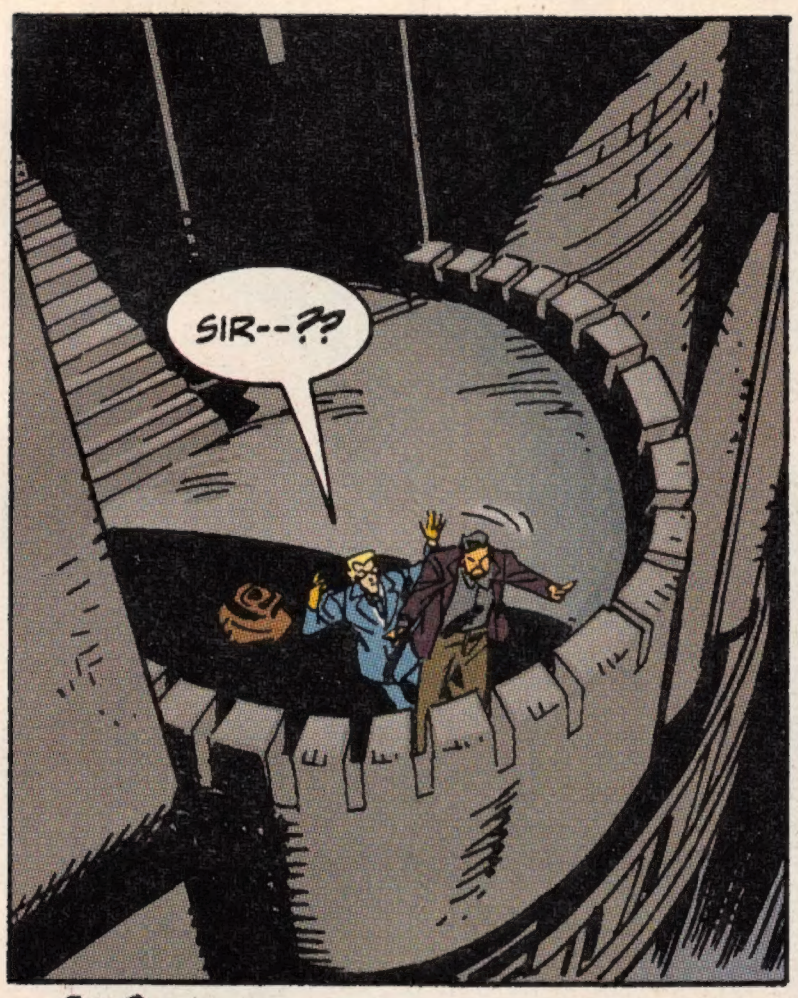
YOU DON'T MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT IT BEFORE I PAY?
GO AHEAD--

--IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!

YOU'RE MINE NOW, DAVID XANATOS!

THWAK!
CURSE YOU, OWEN!

XANATOS, FOLLOW ME!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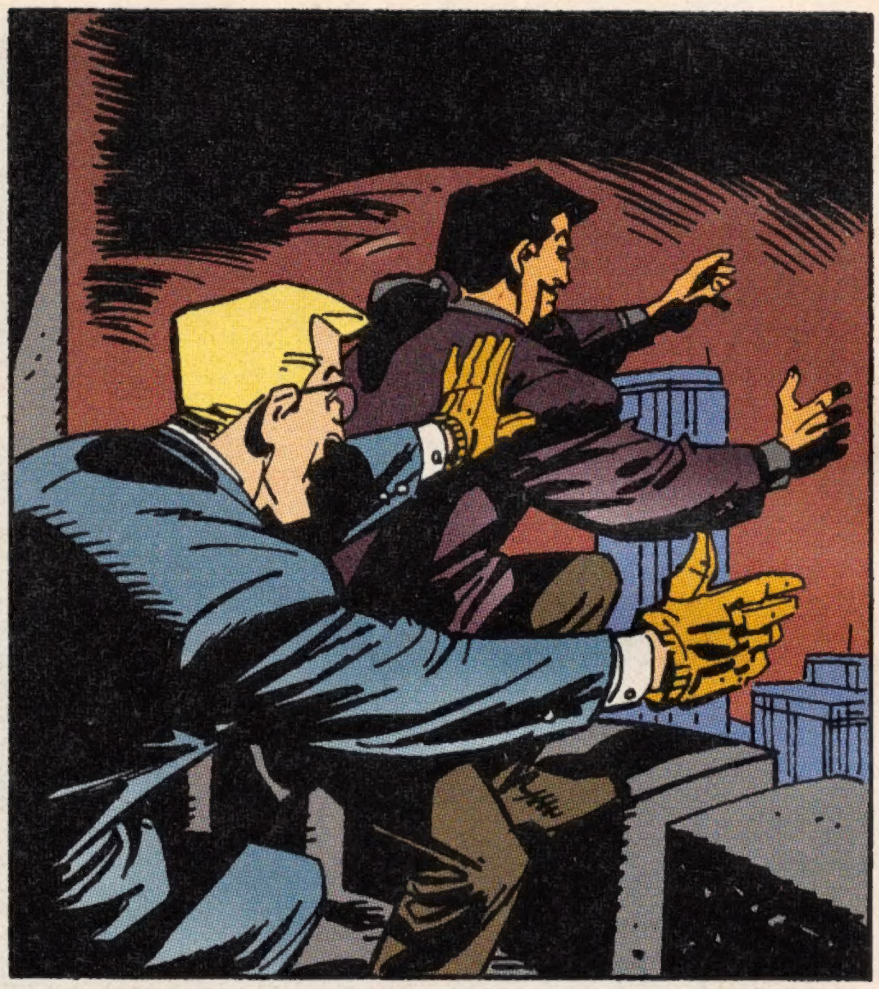


uhm--!

NOOO--!

NICE TRY, OWEN! BUT AS ALWAYS, I'M ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU!

DON'T WORRY-- I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER!
POLICE DEPARTMENT? I MUST SPEAK WITH DETECTIVE ELISA MAZA.
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.
BEEP BOOP BOOP BEEP!

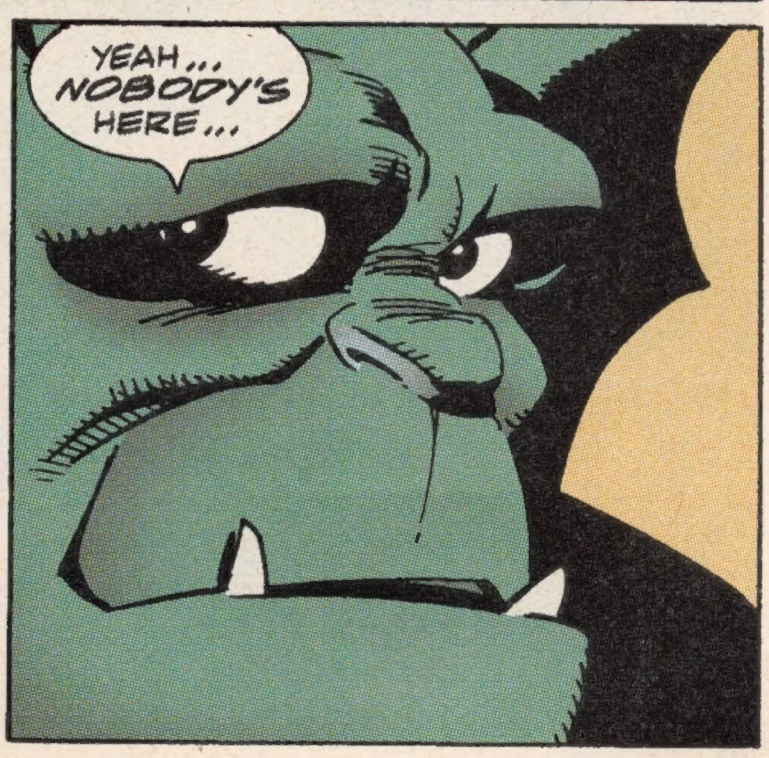
ELSEWHERE...
WOW, THAT WAS A GREAT MOVIE... OH, HIYA, ELISA! WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
I THOUGHT GOLIATH ALWAYS LEFT SOMEONE ON GUARD.
HE DOES!

LOOK, BROADWAY, I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK. SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE, I'LL LEAVE THE MESSAGE WITH YOU.
I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM OWEN BURNETT.

HE CLAIMS THAT DEMONA POSSESSES SOMETHING CALLED THE FEALTY ROSE. OWEN SAYS SHE TOUCHED XANATOS WITH IT AND ENSLAVED HIM.
DEMONA CARRIED HIM OFF, APPARENTLY WITH XANATOS' COOPERATION.

OWEN IS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO CONSULT THE GRIMORUM ARCANORUM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ROSE.
...IS THIS FOR REAL?

HE SOUNDED EARNEST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK.
I CAME TO RELAY HIS REQUEST AND LET GOLIATH MAKE THE CALL, BUT GOLIATH'S NOT HERE.


YEAH... NOBODY'S HERE...

BROADWAY! ELISA! THANK GOODNESS I FOUND YOU!
BROOKLYN, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? WHAT'S WRONG?!

IT'S DEMONA! SHE'S BEWITCHED HUDSON AND LEXINGTON AND GOLIATH!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT AWAY!

HURRY, COME WITH ME! WE HAVE TO STOP HER!
OKAY, OKAY, JUST TAKE US THERE!

YOU STAY HERE, BRONX!
WHINE!

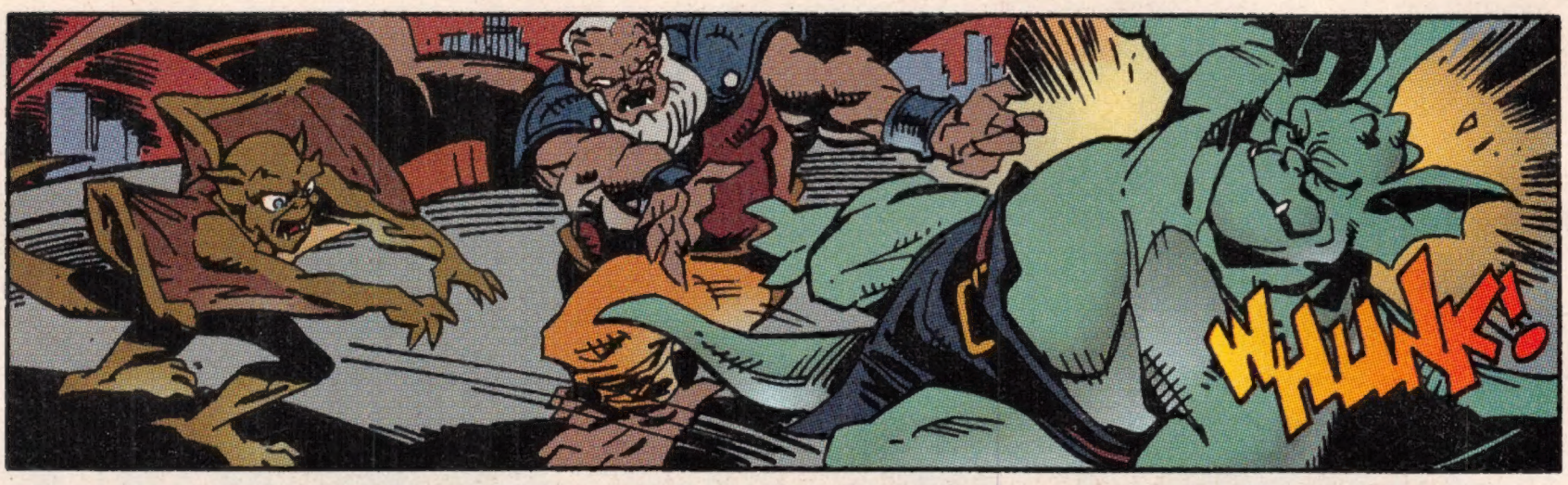
HEY, BROOKLYN, DID DEMONA HAVE SOME KIND OF ROSE THAT--

SHE CERTAINLY DID, LAD!
AND IT'S WAITING FOR YOU!
RUN, ELISA-- IT'S A TRAP!!

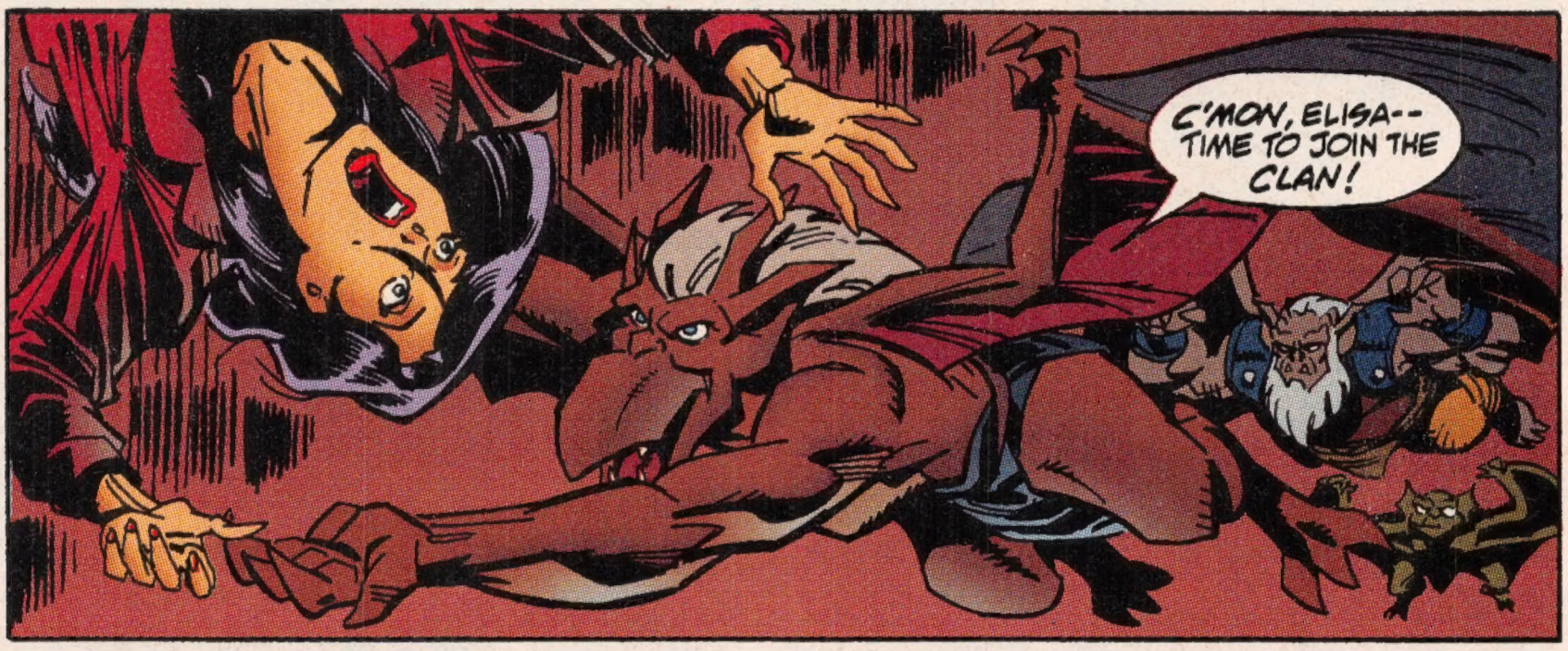
COME WITH US, BROADWAY! IT'S INEVITABLE, YOU KNOW! YOU MAY AS WELL COOPERATE!
DON'T DO IT, BROADWAY! GET HELP! DEMONA'S GOT TO BE STOPPED!

LET HER GO!

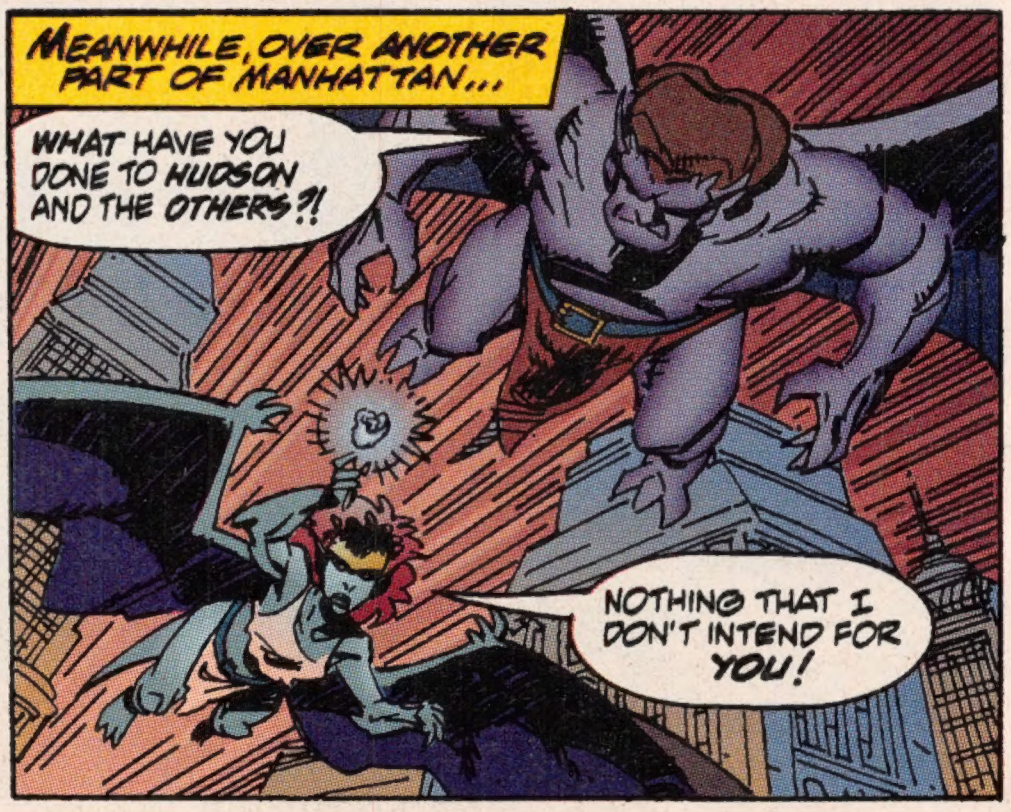
WHATEVER YOU SAY!
YEEEEEE


WHUNK!

LEAVE THEM! DEMONA CAN FIND THEM EASILY ENOUGH LATER!
GRRR!


C'MON, ELISA-- TIME TO JOIN THE CLAN!

RRRF?
I'M OKAY, BRONX. BUT I'VE GOT TO GET HELP.
I JUST DON'T LIKE WHO I'LL HAVE TO GET IT FROM...


MEANWHILE, OVER ANOTHER PART OF MANHATTAN...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HUDSON AND THE OTHERS?!
NOTHING THAT I DON'T INTEND FOR YOU!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SPITEFUL?

I'VE LIVED LONGER THAN YOU! I'VE SEEN THINGS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN!

YOU BELIEVE IN THE GOODNESS OF HUMANS, BUT THERE IS NO GOODNESS IN THEM! I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR OWN BLIND STUPIDITY!

WE ARE GOING TO TAKE BACK THE WORLD THAT WAS STOLEN FROM US!

I'M OFFERING YOU A CHANCE TO REGAIN YOUR PRIDE.
AND TO DO THAT YOU MUST ATTACK YOUR OWN KIND? YOUR OWN CLAN?!

IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU OFFER ONLY SLAVERY! WHAT IS THE MAGIC OF THIS ROSE YOU HOLD?
IT IS OUR FUTURE, GOLIATH--AND MY REVENGE!
I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS, DEMONA! I'LL FIND A WAY TO STOP YOU!
I DON'T THINK SO--NOT AFTER YOU SEE WHO YOU'LL BE FIGHTING!
GOLIATH!
ELISA?!
NOW YOU'RE TRULY MINE--
--FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

TO BE CONTINUED...